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Bob:

thanks for the input. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Most likely, we will need to pull a few folks together to resolve. I'll get back to you.

Jeff

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Jeff,

I am not quite sure who to send this to, but from just talking to Glenn, he thought I should bring it to your attention sooner rather than later. I have been going through the report, but am less than a third of the way through it, checking and commenting on things that catch my attention.

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I won't get through the whole report by COB today. I'll post whatever I have to the quickr site.

Bob

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Bristol Bay Assessment Report - Authors and Contributors:

Attached is our first, preliminary internal review draft of the Bristol Bay Assessment, An Assessment of Large-Scale Mining Development Impacts on Resources in the Nushagak and Kvichak River Watersheds, Bristol Bay, Alaska. During the last week, we have been working hard to coalesce and integrate the various sections you have provided. We are hopeful that with this draft you can now visualize how the various pieces fit together.

My thanks to all for your great work and contributions. We have developed a credible assessment in a very short period of time. We still have much work to do, but we should be proud of how far we have come. We apologize beforehand if we have misinterpreted or misrepresented some part of what you provided, or have altered or deleted some sentence or paragraph you slaved over to get just right. Such oversights and misinterpretations are bound to occur when developing this type of product with a large team.

This preliminary draft is being evaluated this week by the assessment team and by Agency senior management. We know that there are still a few incomplete sections and that some sections need to be revised to improve clarity. On Friday, March 16, members of the assessment team will meet with Agency senior management and decide if this draft should be submitted for formal internal Agency review and if not, what revisions may be needed to get it to the stage where it can be shared as an internal Agency review draft.

Please review this draft to look for significant issues that should be addressed this week. Feel free to provide comments and suggestions for revisions using MS Word track changes. However, we need your input by COB Wednesday, March 14. It is our intent to distribute for internal Agency review a revised draft on Monday, March 19. We will be developing an Abstract and Executive Summary this week and will respond to and incorporate as many of your suggestions as we can in the draft planned for March 19.

We will make further changes and additions during and after the internal review.

We want to see your comments on as much of the document as possible, but please pay particular attention to Section 7. It contains the conclusions concerning the pebble scenario and it must be correct and defensible. Also, of course look at your own sections and provide missing sections, references, corrections, etc. In particular, discussions and analyses of uncertainty are not included for many of the analyses. Look for opportunities to increase clarity, particularly with respect to the conclusions that are drawn from the analyses. Be on the look out for inconsistencies among sections.

Thank you again for your contributions to the assessment.

Our apologies if I missed anyone in the distribution of this email.

Jeff, Glenn, and Kate.

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